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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Expansion or Enhancement Grant—Expansion and Enhancement.

Program Area Affiliation—Reducing Disparities

Congressional District and Congressperson—Ohio 7; Davis L. Hobson

Public Health Region—V

Purpose, Goals, and Objectives—The purpose of the Brothers to Brothers/Sisters to Sisters project is to enhance and expand addiction treatment and case coordination services, primarily aimed at African American males and females with HIV/AIDS and at-risk men and women from Dayton's other communities of color. (page 4) The coalition partners of this initiative will (1) conduct extensive community outreach, education, HIV testing, and substance abuse assessment; (2) enhance and expand SA treatment at three local and complementary treatment agencies; and (3) decrease the mortality rate among Dayton's African American adults. (page ii) The stated goals of this initiative are to (1) enhance treatment and access to treatment for primarily 100 African American men and women and other members from communities of color with HIV/AIDS in need of addiction treatment and follow-up support; (2) expand treatment capacity at three treatment sites to serve at least 60 more (than are currently served) African American men and women and other members from communities of color with HIV/AIDS who are in need of treatment; (3) improve outreach and accessibility to and services for African American men and women and other members from communities of color with or at risk for HIV/AIDS who are in need of addiction treatment and follow-up support; and (4) in concert with the consumer advisory board and coalition partners, evaluate the project process and outcomes and distribute findings and recommendations. (Goals and Objectives chart, page 5)

Target Population—The specific populations to be served by this coalition include the following groups: primarily African American men (and other men of color) who inject drugs, including men who have sex with men (MSM) and at-risk, non-injecting MSM; and African American women (and other women of color) in the Dayton area, including those with children. (page 4)

Geographic Service Area—Dayton, Ohio, and Montgomery County, Ohio.

Drugs Addressed—The drugs to be addressed are not specified, though references are made in the application to an array of injection and non-injection drugs used by the target population.

Theoretical Model—The model being used is the Living Now curriculum developed in 1998 at the AIDS Community Research conference. (page 10)

Type of Applicant—State-controlled institute of higher learning

SERVICE PROVIDER STRUCTURE

Service Organizational Structure—The Wright State Brothers to Brothers/Sisters to Sisters Coalition is composed of five stakeholder organizations, including three diverse treatment programs (representing detoxification, residential, outpatient, methadone and disability-specific

treatment options), the local AIDS service organization, and the county health department. (page ii)

Service Providers—The members of the Wright State Brothers to Brothers/Sisters to Sisters Coalition include the following: AIDS Foundation Miami Valley (AFMV), Project C.U.R.E., Montgomery County Combined Health District, Center for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (CADAS), Wright State, Central State, and Wilberforce Universities, and the Consumer Advocacy Model. (page 6)

Services Provided—The project components include extensive outreach, substance abuse treatment, case management, AIDS/HIV education and therapy, STD education, HIV testing, and SA assessments. (page ii) The outreach team will provide transportation assistance, food bank access, housing stabilization assistance, SA assessment, street counseling and referral to treatment, and individual and group sessions to learn about HIV testing and treatment. (page 8)

Service Setting—Outpatient and residential. (page 14)

Number of Persons Served—The number of persons to be served over the 5-year term is unclear. In the goals and objectives section (page 5) reference is made to enhanced treatment for 100 African men and women and other members from communities of color, and to expanded treatment capacity at three treatment sites for 60 more African men and women and other members from communities of color than are currently served.

Desired Project Outputs—The desired outcomes are stated as follows: (1) at 6- and 12-month follow-up, 65 percent of clients will be abstinent from illicit drugs and alcohol, and another 15 percent will have reduced use; (2) by 12-month follow-up, 25 percent more clients will be employed full- or part-time than at intake; (3) at 6- and 12-month follow-ups, 65 percent of clients will report improved health and mental health status; (4) at 6- and 12-month follow-up, 30 percent of clients will report improved living arrangements; (5) at 6- and 12-months follow-up, arrest rates will be reduced by 80 percent from the 6 months prior to treatment; and (6) a total of 80 percent of residential and 50 percent of other treatment discharges from enhanced treatment will be classified as "successful with goals met."

Consumer Involvement—The project will be guided by the principles of participatory action research (PAR). This approach focuses on the needs of the stakeholders in the design, conduct, and analysis of the research that has an effect on them. All training partners will be included in training sessions on this approach, and the training will be jointly planned and conducted by the consumer advisory board. (page 12)

EVALUATION

Strategy and Design—Brothers to Brothers/Sisters to Sisters overall goals are to create a coordinated community response, increase outreach and education, and enhance and expand treatment capacity. These goals will be evaluated using a project-wide strategic plan. The plan will include all project goals and objectives and timelines for implementation and process evaluations. (page 17)

Evaluation Goals/Desired Results—A chart detailing the evaluation goals and objectives, along with their respective timelines and measurement approach is located on page 19. The goals and objectives are written in a cryptic format.

Evaluation Questions and Variables—Evaluation questions are not stated in the application.

Instruments and Data Management—The project plans to comply with all GPRA requirements. No reference is made in the application to any other instruments that might be used for local evaluation. Data will be collected during intake assessments, at 6- and 12-month follow-up interviews, and from screening and referral information, staff clinical documentation, consumer satisfaction surveys, outreach activities, and coalition/advisory board meetings. (page 18)